

**Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List
Rising Sixth Grade
2015-2016**

Non-Fiction Books

Adamson, Thomas. *Basketball: The Math of the Game*

The mathematical side of basketball is explored, explaining concepts related to geometry, physics, and statistics, and describing how players use math to help improve their game.

Burns, Loree Griffin. *Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey*

The journey starts on a farm in Costa Rica and ends at live butterfly exhibits around the world. See how butterflies are raised on a butterfly farm and how they make it to their new homes.

***Cool Careers Series* (Various authors)**

Books in this series introduce readers to the skills, tasks, and expectations of pursuing a career in a wide range of fields including *Wildlife Photographer*, *Forensic Science Investigator*, *Music Producer*, *Volcanologist*, and others.

Coulter, Laurie. *Ballplayers and Bonesetters: One Hundred Ancient Aztec and Maya Jobs You Might Have Adored or Abhorred*

Ever thought of becoming a bug farmer or a stone slinger? Imagine what life was like growing up in Mesoamerica before the Spanish Conquest (1350-1521).

Enz, Tammy. *Engineering a Totally Rad Skateboard with Max Axiom, Super Scientist*

Max Axiom's nephew Nick wants to take his skateboarding skills to the next level, but he needs a new board to accomplish his dreams. Join Max as he uses the engineering process to design and build a totally rad skateboard.

Herrera, Juan Felipe. *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes*

Learn about twenty Hispanic and Latino American men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the arts, politics, science, humanitarianism, and athletics.

Montgomery, Sy. *Tapir Scientist: Saving South America's Largest Mammal*

Captivating photographs and narrative call attention to a lesser-known endangered species and expose readers to the working conditions, obstacles, and emotions experienced by passionate scientists in the field.

Newman, Patricia. *Plastic Ahoy! : Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch*

Follow a team of researchers as they explore the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, where millions of pieces of plastic have collected.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America*

Read biographies of ten influential African American men from different times in the history of the United States.

Powell, Marie. *Explore with Ferdinand Magellan*

Explore the adventures of sixteenth-century Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, his voyages and mission to discover a westward passage from Spain to the Spice Islands.

Rowell, Rebecca. *Energy and Waves through Infographics*

How can big numbers and concepts make more sense? Infographics! The charts, maps, and illustrations in this book tell a visual story to help you better understand key concepts about energy and waves.

Rusch, Elizabeth. *Volcano Rising*

Volcanoes are a scary, catastrophic phenomenon that creates mass destruction, right? Not always. Some volcanoes create new land, mountains, and islands where none existed before. Take a look at the power of volcanoes for destruction, and, surprisingly, for creation.

Fiction Books

Bruchac, Joseph. *The Warriors*

As a member of the lacrosse team and of the Iroquois heritage, Jake knows how sacred the game is, but when he moves to a boarding school and plays for their team, he finds that Coach Scott is feeding untruths to his team about the game.

Clements, Andrew. *Troublemaker*

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.

Conkling, Winifred. *Sylvia & Aki*

At the start of World War II, Japanese-American Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Arizona, while Mexican-American Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

Green, Tim. *Unstoppable*

Foster child Harrison, who dreams of playing in the NFL, is happy when he is put into a home with loving parents and a foster father who is a football coach, but after becoming the star running back and suffering an injury, a cancer diagnosis threatens to ruin his future.

Jacobson, Jennifer Richard. *Small as an Elephant*

Eleven-year-old Jack awakens at a campsite on Mount Desert Island—alone. Not for the first time, he finds his mother gone. Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company.

Lawson, Julie. *Ghosts of the Titanic*

Kevin and his family travel to Halifax after inheriting a home from a man they have never met. While exploring the estate, Kevin discovers some mysterious artifacts that transport him back in time to the deck of the "Titanic," where he races to save a young woman and her child from a tragic ending.

Lewis, Gill. *Wild Wings*

The worlds of two villages in Scotland and the Gambia, Africa intersect through modern technology and the determined efforts of children to save an injured osprey.

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Messner, Kate. *Hide and Seek*

For five hundred years the Jaguar Cup, sacred to the Silver Jaguar Society, was hidden in a cave on the coast of Costa Rica. When a fake copy shows up on display in America, it is up to José, Anna, and Henry, junior members of the society, to travel to Costa Rica and rescue the real cup from thieves.

Vanderpool, Clare. *Moon Over Manifest*

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas. While there, she hopes to find out about her father's past.

Wallace, Rich. *Dunk Under Pressure*

Free throw specialist Cornell "Dunk" Duncan joins the YMCA summer basketball league all-star team, but after losing his confidence in an important game, the seventh-grader makes some decisions about becoming an all-around player.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *P.S. Be Eleven*

After spending the summer with their mother and the Black Panthers, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern return home to Brooklyn with a new feeling of independence, but they discover their father has a new girlfriend, Uncle Darnell has come home from Vietnam a changed man, and Big Ma still expects Delphine to take care of everything. Feeling overwhelmed, Delphine writes to her mother, who reminds her to enjoy being eleven and not grow up too fast.